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January 29, 2003, 2:00pm (by hand delivery)

**Commissioner of Patents**  
Washington, DC

**attn: SPE James Trammell**  
Art Unit : 3621 (ph 703-305-9768)

Dear Commissioner:

We were asked by Mr. Field, the attorney of record for the above the U.S. Patent Application 10/008,644 to obtain certified copies of the declaration documents.

There is a pending foreign country deadline that is coming up in a few days; this is a Time is of the Essence matter.

We are using a Power-to-Inspect Document provided by Attorney Field to access the file. As of yesterday afternoon the Record Room (Crystal Plaza Three: Lobby Level) has provided the file but we are not able to get the required documents certified.

The PTO Certification Branch has been contacted and we spoke with Mike Lee (703-308-9726); Mr. Lee informs us that the needed papers must be entered by the Group; the file then transferred to the Certifications Branch which will honor our AT COST request for certified copies. A copy of our request to the Certifications Branch is attached.

The problem is that there is not sufficient time for this to procedure to occur because it takes days to move the file from one location to another within the PTO. For example this file was shown in Group 2100 and we later discovered it was in Group 3600 and then had to wait an additional 2 days to access the file in the Record Room just to determine if the required papers were available (in order for us to specify which ones were needed on our order form).

These papers must be in the hands of Mr. Field in California by Monday, February 3.

This letter is to solicit your assistance in obtaining these documents which are legally required by U.S. treaties and agreements regarding filing in foreign countries.

Very truly yours,  
PRIOR ART SEARCHES, INC.

Tommy L. Foster

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RE: **Emergency Request for**  
Certified Copies of Inventor Declarations As Filed:  
**S/N 10/008,644 filed Nov 9, 2001**

Dear Commissioner:

This is my second letter of today's date.

I have spoken with Mike Lee at Certifications (703-308-9726).

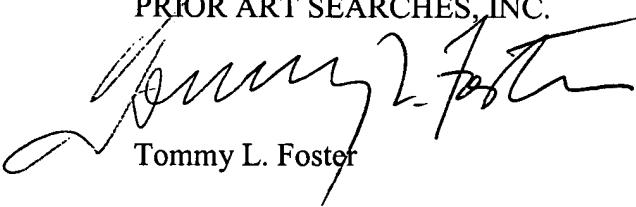
If you can arrange for a hand carry of the above file to Certifications then please do so.

The file should be taken to the Certifications Desk at Customer Service, Crystal Gateway  
4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, and marked for attention to Mr. Mike Lee.

I have prepared a cover sheet for the file and it is herewith.

Very truly yours,

PRIOR ART SEARCHES, INC.

  
Tommy L. Foster

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